

Application No.: 10/521,342

Docket No.: SUNDS 3.3-146

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend FIG. 6 to show reference numerals 52 and 53 in that figure

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (annotated)

REMARKS

The above-noted amendments to the specification and to claim 4 are respectfully submitted in response to the official action of February 27, 2006, herein. In that official action, it is noted with appreciation that claims 4-9 are considered to be directed to allowable subject matter.

The intention of these amendments is to deal with all of the objections raised by the Examiner in the February 27 official action. In that action, the drawings were objected to under Rule 83(a). The Examiner initially contended that the drawings of "a wire magazine" and "grooves" must be shown or the features canceled from the claims. In view of the nature of the allowed claims in this application, and the fact that a "wire magazine" is not specifically shown in the drawings but is clearly not a critical element with respect to the allowable nature of these claims, claim 4 has been amended to delete reference to the wire magazine, and to merely focus on those elements of the present invention which are deemed to be allowable by the Examiner. The reasons for allowance alone make this abundantly clear.

As for the grooves set forth in claim 4, line 19, these are specifically shown and discussed in the present specification, particularly in Paragraph [0021] thereof. Applicants have also amended FIG. 6 in conjunction with this response in order to show reference numerals 52 and 53 in that figure. With specific reference to FIG. 6, it is noted that walls 40 and 41 have at their ends the upper short side of the wire take-up space in the figures, longitudinal grooves 52 and 53, whereby the wire take-up space 34 is upwardly widened to a T-shape, forming a wider portion as shown therein. It can thus be seen that the width of the wire guide space 43 can be, for example, three wire diameters, but each groove 52 and 53 has a depth of about one wire diameter, as shown therein.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that each of the objections to the drawings has now been obviated, and in view of this fact, as well as the clarification of the specification in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, it is believed that this application is now clearly in condition for allowance, and such action is therefore respectfully solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any further objections which he might have to the immediate allowance of this application.

Finally, if there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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